I believe that preservation of election integrity is critical to the survival of our democracy. Requiring voters to provide identification establishing that they are who they say they are and that they are eligible to vote is an essential and rudimentary element of election integrity. In my opinion, a claim that somehow an ID requirement is racist is in fact a racist allegation, implying that persons of color are too stupid or unmotivated to obtain an ID. This is crap. We all know that IDs are required on a frequent basis to live in our society.

If someone is truly unable to be present at an election place on election day, due to being out of the state or due to illness which keeps them housebound, I have no objection to them voting by absentee ballot. However, the justifications for absentee balloting should be narrowly drawn. It is time to retire the COVID excuse. It is time to remove the unsupervised vote "drop boxes", and we must end "no excuse" absentee voting.

Opening absentee balloting to everyone or for insubstantial reasons leaves the election process open to fraud. Regardless of the actual level of fraud, the perception of extensive fraud undermines our election system. I suspect that massive fraud undermined the integrity of the 2020 election. I may be right and I may be wrong. However, even if I am wrong, my perception (shared by many) undermines the credibility of the system and causes voters to lose faith in the entire election process. It undermines democracy.

We have had a voting system in place for most of our existence. Let's not "fix" something that is not broken.

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